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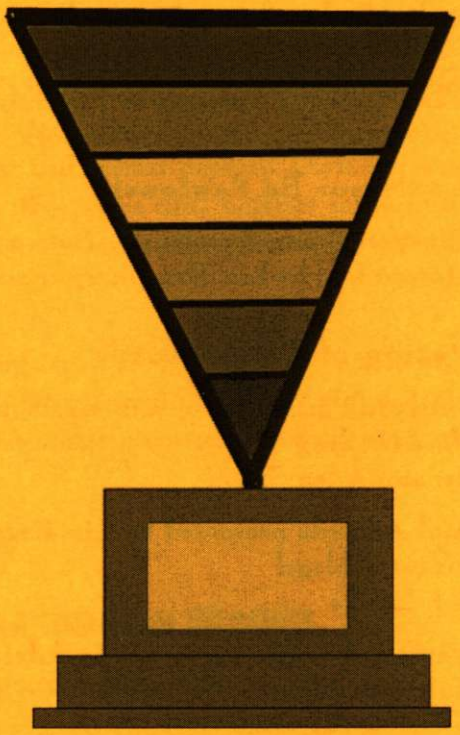
Valley Gay Press



GLBT Community Awards Celebration

Tuesday, June 22, 2010 - 6:00 pm

Allentown Brew Works

812 Hamilton Street, Allentown

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GLBT Community Award Celebration

Order of the Evening

6:00 Reception – Jazz by **Roberta Meek**. Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks, Pasta Bar, Bidding on Silent Auction Items, Door Prize Basket Raffle

7:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks by **Patricia Sullivan**, President, Pennsylvania Diversity Network (PDN)

Welcome by **Mayor Ed Pawlowski**

Keynote Speaker **Mara Keisling** – National Transgender Activist. Introduced by **Liz Bradbury**, Exec. Director, PDN

Presentation of PDN Awards

Special Awards presented by **Liz Bradbury**
Mara Keisling
Senator Arlen Specter

Individual Awards presented by **Liz Bradbury**
Ernest Schlegel
D.J. Landis

Organization Awards presented by **Adrian Shanker**
Kutztown Allies
GLEE at Air Products

Business Awards presented by **Amy Smart**
Allentown Women's Center
Diamonz Nightclub and Restaurant

8:30 Dessert, Coffee, and Tea

Final Bidding on Silent Auction Items, Raffle Ticketing
Announcement of Basket Raffle and Silent Auction Winners

3. All LGBT individuals must accept personal responsibility to do everything within their power for equality and should get involved in the movement by volunteering, giving, and being out.
4. We will hold elected officials and our organizations accountable for being transparent and achieving full civil rights by active participation when possible and active opposition when necessary.
5. Our allies need to be proactive in public support for full civil rights.
6. Every government measure that quantifies the US citizenry must permit LGBT individuals to self-identify and be counted in every way citizens are counted.
7. We demand that the media present LGBT lives in fair, accurate, and objective ways that neither include nor give credence to unsubstantiated, discriminatory claims, and opinions.

To join the growing chorus of Americans speaking in unison that now is the time to provide full civil rights to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender citizens: www.thedallasprinciples.org.

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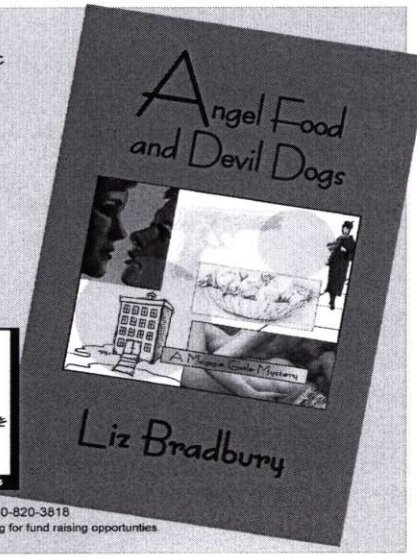

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Many Thanks to these Basket Raffle and Silent Auction Donors

Woodbury-Schmidt Soaps, Dawn McDermott, Arbonne, Mark Stanziola, Esq., Holiday Inn of Allentown, LA Fitness, Mr. Joe's Chimney Sweep, Marc Freligh-Princess House, Earl Snyder, Jeff Faller, Allentown Art Museum, Rainbow Players, Civic Theatre, Tom Florio, Liz Bradbury & Patricia Sullivan, Kerry Merritt, Allentown Symphony, Tastefully Simple, Amy Smart & Barb Long, Mark Stanziola, Diamonz, Lenora Johnson, Holliday Inn in Allentown, Iron Pigs, Friendly's, Dreamscapes Comics, Silpata Designs, Lisa Krietz, Lehigh Valley Food Coop, Gene Mater, Muhlenberg College Theatre, America On Wheels, Louie's, Allentown Women's Center, Woods Campgrounds, Rainbow Players Theatre, Diverse City Soap, Foo Foo Shop

The Dallas Principles

No delay. No excuses!

On May 15-17, 2009 in Dallas, Texas twenty-four thinkers, activists, and donors gathered to discuss the immediate need for full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender people in the United States. Collectively they prepared The Dallas Principles.

PA Diversity Network and hundreds of other GLBT organizations of all types have adopted these principles as a blueprint for our fight for full civil rights and equality. PA Diversity Network encourages all organizations and individuals to adopt these principles.

PREAMBLE

President Obama and Congress pledged to lead America in a new direction that included civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans. We now sit at a great moment in our history that inspires the nation to return to its highest ideals and greatest promise. We face a historic opportunity to obtain our full civil rights; this is the moment for change. No delay. No excuses.

Nearly forty years ago, a diverse group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people stood up to injustice at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. In doing so, they submitted themselves to bodily harm and criminal prosecution. Their demand was simple -- equal protection under the law.

Still today, full civil rights has eluded the same community that rioted forty years ago. Instead, untold sums of resources have been spent to divide our nation and turn our lives into a political football.

WHAT PENNSYLVANIA DIVERSITY NETWORK DOES FOR YOU!!

Pennsylvania Diversity Network is largest Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender organization in Pennsylvania. A not-for-profit volunteer driven organization, our Mission is to foster strength and vitality in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Community by providing news, information, presentations, programs, events and other services. This strongly includes working for equal rights and justice for GLBT people.

Pennsylvania Diversity Network s year round projects include:

****PDN Daily Advocacy:** Every day, Pennsylvania Diversity Network works for the rights of the GLBT community - Including successfully helping communities pass non-discrimination laws that include sexual orientation and gender identity, helping people who have been discriminated against on a case to case basis, working with businesses to provide domestic partner beneifits, fighting anti-GLBT efforts, and helping constituents speak to their legislators on GLBT issues.

****The Valley Gay Press Newspaper** - Since 1998 this Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Community Opinion and Newspaper of the Greater Lehigh Valley and Berks County has been circulating news and information from dozens of GLBT activism and support groups at, no cost to them, to thousands of GLBTA readers.

****The GLBT Infoline** - Since 2004 PDN's 24/7 call-in infoline helps GLBT people seeking information and referrals on GLBT issues. 100s of people call the infoline every year.

****Rainbow Families - Since 2005** this activities group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Allied parents with children has held regular events.

****The National Award Winning Pennsylvania Diversity Photo Project - 400 Same-sex Couples: Facing Inequality** - Begun in 2006, this traveling photo show of local same-sex couples has been exhibited in more than 40 venues, including the Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg, to educate the mainstream community about the lack of marriage equality in the United States and Pennsylvania.

****The PDN Library Project** - Begun in 2005 has placed 100s of GLBT books and resources in area public libraries.

****The PDN Resource Web Site** - Begun in 2004, it is the largest GLBT information web site in Pennsylvania, has hundreds of local GLBT-Friendly resources along with civil rights, Community information, and news. GLBT businesses can list their resources for free -- www.padiversity.org

****PDN Youth Initiative -** Begun in 2008, offers grants to GLBT youth groups for civil rights and activism efforts.

****PDN Speakers on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues** - Since 1998, bringing groups, organizations, educational institutions and businesses presentations on GLBT issues and topics in more than 100 venues.

****PDN Special Events:** PDN presents and participates in concerts, comedy shows, plays, art exhibits, panels, TV debates, community action opportunities, and this annual **Community GLBT Awards Celebration!**

Pennsylvania Diversity Network exists and functions financially in great part on contributions and memberships from people like you. Please become a 2011 member. PDN is a 501(c)3 tax deductible organization.

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At several junctures in American history, the stars have aligned to deliver the promise of equal protection under the law to those previously denied. At this unique time in history, our nation must once again exercise the great tradition of making its people equal.

Justice has too long been delayed. A clear path toward full civil equality for the LGBT community is overdue and must come now. Using fear and misunderstanding to justify discrimination is no longer acceptable in this nation. Those content with the way things are will be judged harshly by history. Those who do not actively advance these ideals or offer excuses will be judged just as harshly. Those who attempt to divide our community or to delay and deny action on civil equality, waiting for the right moment to arrive, will be held accountable.

We reject the idea that honoring the founding principles of our country is controversial. We believe in the inherent human dignity of all people. No longer will we submit our children, our family, our friends and ourselves as a political tool for any Party or ideology. A new day has arrived.

PRINCIPLES

The following eight guiding principles underlie our call to action. In order to achieve full civil rights now, we avow:

1. Full civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals must be enacted now. Delay and excuses are no longer acceptable.
2. We will not leave any part of our community behind.
3. Separate is never equal.
4. Religious beliefs are not a basis upon which to affirm or deny civil rights.
5. The establishment and guardianship of full civil rights is a non-partisan issue.
6. Individual involvement and grassroots action are paramount to success and must be encouraged.

7. Success is measured by the civil rights we all achieve, not by words, access, or money raised.
8. Those who seek our support are expected to commit to these principles.

FULL CIVIL RIGHTS GOALS

Being united by common principles and engaging in united action, we will achieve the following goals:
1. DIGNITY AND EQUALITY. Every lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender person has inherent dignity and worth, and has the right to live free of discrimination and harassment.
2. FAMILY. Every LGBT person has the right to a family without legal barriers to immigration, civil marriage, or raising children.
3. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. Every LGBT person has the right to economic opportunity free from discrimination in employment, public housing, accommodation, public facilities, credit, and federally funded programs and activities.
4. EDUCATION. Every LGBT child and youth has the right to an education that is affirming, inclusive, and free from bullying.
5. NATIONAL SECURITY. Every LGBT person should have the opportunity to serve our country openly and equally in our military and foreign service.
6. CRIME. Every LGBT person should enjoy life protected against bias crimes.
7. HEALTH CARE. Every person should have access to affordable, high quality, and culturally competent health care without discrimination.

CALL TO ACTION

1. We demand that government officials act now to achieve full civil rights without delay.
2. Our organizations and individuals need to develop a collaborative and revolutionary new organizing model that mobilizes millions of supporters through emerging web and phone technologies.

2010 Awardees

Keynote Speaker and Special Awards

National Civil Rights Activist **Mara Keisling.** Keisling is the Founding Director of the Washington based National Center of Transgender Equality. She is at the helm of the effort to pass the fully inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act as one of the two steering committee leaders of UnitedENDA, a position she shares with Rea Carey, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Originally from PA, Keisling has led and served on the boards of several state-wide GLBT organizations, and helped write the language of Allentown's non-discrimination ordinance. PDN will be honoring Mara Keisling with a special award.

Also to be receiving a special award from Pennsylvania Diversity Network: **US Senator Arlen Specter** in recognition of his many years of support and commitment to the civil rights of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community.

Individual Awards – Presented by Pennsylvania Diversity Network Executive Director, Liz Bradbury

Ernest Schlegel -- Grassroots organizer in Reading, who worked to successfully pass the addition of sexual orientation and gender identity to the City of Reading's anti-discrimination ordinance.

DJ Landis -- Community Elder from Stonewall to present - long time community volunteer, organizer, and activist.

Organization Awards - Presented by Pennsylvania Diversity Network Vice President, Adrian Shanker

GLEE at Air Products -- The Gay and Lesbian Empowered Employees' group that has worked for community inclusion and equality, and domestic partner benefits for many years. Air Products, a Fortune 500 Company, announced the inclusion of domestic partner health benefits last October.

Kutztown Allies -- The Gay/Straight Alliance group at Kutztown University receives this award for presenting great annual community outreach and educational events each year that benefit local GLBT non-profit orgs. These events include gender-bending shows to more than 700 university students each year.

Business Awards - Presented by Pennsylvania Diversity Network Boardmember, Amy Smart

Diamonz Nightclub and Restaurant -- Receives this award for more than a dozen years of commitment to advocacy, support, and fundraising for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community.

Allentown Women's Center -- Receives this award for its commitment and direct services to promote the health and welfare of the Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community.

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